

What is claimed is:

1. A protective covering for use during construction, comprising:
  - a protective backing layer having front and back surfaces defined by opposing top and bottom edges and opposing left and right side edges, said protective backing layer being formed from a first material;
  - a plurality of protective strips attached to said protective backing layer, said plurality of protective strips being arranged so as to provide uncovered portions of said front surface between each of the strips, said protective strips being formed from a second material; and
  - one or more flap portions proximate at least one of said top, bottom, left, and right edges by a portion of said front surface that is not covered by said plurality of protective strips, said flap portion including an adhesive and a removable topsheet.
2. A protective covering according to claim 1, further comprising means for binding said plurality of protective strips to said front side.
3. A protective covering according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of protective strips have a thickness of about 1/16 to 1 inch.
4. A protective covering according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of protective strips have a width of about 1/2 to 24 inches.
5. A protective covering according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of protective strips have a length of about 6 inches to 8 feet.
6. A protective covering according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of protective strips are positioned so as to be substantially parallel to one another.
7. A protective covering according to claim 1, further comprising a second protective backing layer joined with said plurality of protective strips opposite said protective backing layer.
8. A protective covering for use during construction, comprising:
  - a protective backing layer formed from a first material; and
  - a plurality of protective portions attached to and covering portions of said protective backing layer, said plurality of protective portions being arranged so that portions of said front surface are exposed between each of said protective portions, said protective portions being formed from a second material that is different than said first material.

9. A protective covering according to claim 8, further comprising a flap portion that is not covered by said plurality of protective portions, said flap portion including an adhesive.
10. A protective covering according to claim 9, said flap portion including a removable topsheet covering said adhesive.
11. A protective covering according to claim 8, further comprising an adhesive for binding said plurality of protective portions to said protective backing layer.
12. A protective covering according to claim 8, wherein said plurality of protective portions have a thickness of about 1/16 to 1 inch.
13. A protective covering according to claim 8, wherein said protective portions have a circular, square, or rectangular shape, or a shape that is a combination thereof.
14. A protective covering according to claim 8, further comprising a second protective backing layer in contact with said plurality of protective portions opposite said protective backing layer.
15. A protective covering for use during construction, comprising:
  - a protective backing layer;
  - a plurality of protective strips attached to and covering portions of said protective backing layer; and
  - one or more flap portions that are not covered by said plurality of protective strips, said one or more flap portions including an adhesive.
16. A protective covering according to claim 15, wherein said plurality of protective strips are arranged so that portions of said front surface are exposed between each of said strips.
17. A protective covering according to claim 15, further comprising means for binding said plurality of protective strips to said front side.
18. A protective covering according to claim 15, wherein said plurality of protective strips have a thickness of about 1/16 to 1 inch.
19. A protective covering according to claim 15, wherein said plurality of protective strips have a width of about 1/2 to 24 inches.
20. A protective covering according to claim 15, wherein said plurality of protective strips have a length of about 6 inches to 8 feet.

21. A protective covering according to claim 15, wherein said plurality of protective strips are positioned so as to be substantially parallel to one another.
22. A protective covering according to claim 15, further comprising a second protective backing layer joined with said plurality of protective strips opposite said protective backing layer.
23. A method of protecting surfaces during construction, moving, or other activities, said method comprising the steps of:
  - providing a protective covering including a backing layer and a plurality of hard protective portions attached to the backing layer;
  - fitting said protective covering to the surfaces; and
  - transporting objects across said protective covering.
24. A method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of joining multiple protective coverings to one another.
25. A method according to claim 23, wherein said providing step includes providing said protective covering in rolled or folded form, and then unrolling or unfolding said protective covering on the surface.
26. A method of manufacturing a protective covering for use during construction, comprising the steps of:
  - providing a protective backing layer formed from a first material; and
  - attaching a plurality of protective portions to said protective backing layer so as to define a flap portion that is not covered by said plurality of protective portions, said plurality of protective portions being formed from a second material.
27. A method according to claim 26, further comprising the step of applying an adhesive to said flap portion.
28. A method according to claim 26, further comprising the step of binding said plurality of protective portions to said front surface using an adhesive.
29. A method according to claim 26, wherein said plurality of protective portions in said attaching step have one of a circle, square, and rectangle shape.

30. A method according to claim 26, further comprising the step of positioning said plurality of protective portions in said attaching step so as to expose portions of said front surface between each of the protective portions.

31. A method according to claim 26, further comprising the step of placing a protective top layer over said plurality of protective portions so that said plurality of protective portions are positioned between said protective backing layer and said protective top layer.